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SUBJECT: SCHEDULE OF NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE PREPARATORY  
COMMITTEE AND CCD

REF: (A) STATE 13400, AND (B) STATE 15545

1. ACDA DEPUTY DIRECTOR ZURHELLEN CALLED IN SOVIET DCM VORONTSOV JANUARY 24 TO DISCUSS DATE OF FIRST NPT PREPCOM MEETING. ZURHELLEN NOTED USG ATTACHES CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE (AND ASSUMED THAT USSR DOES LIKEWISE) TO SUCCESSFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE HANDLING OF NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE IN SPRING 1975. AS TWO MAJOR NUCLEAR POWERS, US AND USSR HAVE COMMON INTEREST IN HAVING PARTIES FIND THAT NPT HAS SERVED WELL DURING INITIAL FIVE-YEAR PERIOD; PREPARATIONS FOR REVIEW CONFERENCE SHOULD ATTRACT MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ADHERENTS PRIOR TO CONFERENCE, AND CONFERENCE ITSELF SHOULD HAVE POSITIVE EFFECT ON ADHERENCE BY SUCH COUNTRIES AS STILL REMAIN OUTSIDE- WE BELIEVE PREPCOM, AS APPROVED AT UNGA LAST FALL, SHOULD PROCEED AFTER ADEQUATE TIME FOR CONSULTATIONS AND PREPARATION BY MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. WE HAD CONSIDERED PROPOSING END OF APRIL, BUT NOTE THIS MIGHT CONFLICT WITH WEC AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH HAS BEEN SCHEDULED BY UN SECRETARIAT. WE ALSO NOTE

DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON LAWS OF WAR BEING HELD IN GENEVA FEBRUARY 20-MARCH 29. IN ORDER TO AVOID THESE CONFLICTS AND YET PROVIDE SUFFICIENT ADVANCE TIME, USG PROPOSED PREPCOM MEETING APRIL 1 FOR ONE WEEK WITH POSSIBILITY CONTINUING AN EXTRA DAY OR TWO IF NECESSARY. ZURHELLEN SAID WE BELIEVED THIS DATE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO UK AS THIRD DEPOSITARY NATION (REFTEL B).

2. VORONTSOV, WHO HAD INDICATED AT OUTSET THAT HE HAD INSTRUCTIONS FROM MOSCOW, REPLIED THAT USSR FORMALLY PROPOSED THAT CCD SESSION BEGIN MARCH 12 AND THAT NPT PREPCOM BEGIN ONE WEEK EARLIER, MARCH 4. IF USG ACCEPTED THIS APPROACH, NEXT STEP WOULD BE TO APPROACH  
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UK. THREE DEPOSITARIES COULD THEN ASK UN SECRETARY GENERAL TO APPROACH OTHER PREPCOM MEMBERS.

3. ZURHELLEN REPLIED HE WAS NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF CCD SCHEDULE BUT WOULD OF COURSE KEEP SOVIET PROPOSAL IN MIND. HE MENTIONED THAT DATE OF APRIL 1 SUGGESTED BY US MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO AT LEAST SOME OTHER COUNTRIES WHO MIGHT WANT TO SEND SOME OF THE SAME OFFICIALS TO PREPCOM AND TO DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE. HE REQUESTED VORONTSOV TO REPORT US PROPOSAL TO MOSCOW FOR

CONSIDERATION.

4. ZURHELLEN ALSO NOTED WE HAVE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT PROCEDURE IN MIND FOR CONSULTATIONS. IN PARTICULAR, WE SUGGEST THAT ONCE THREE DEPOSITARIES HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON DATE THEY SHOULD CONSULT WITH SWEDEN, MEXICO AND YUGOSLAVIA AND THESE SIX (COMPRISING THOSE WHO TOOK LEAD AT UNGA) SHOULD THEN CONSULT INFORMALLY WITH UN AT WORKING LEVEL TO CONFIRM AVAILABILITY OF FACILITIES AND SERVICES IN GENEVA. SINCE PREPCOM AND REVIEW CONFERENCE ARE PRIMARILY MATTERS FOR PARTIES TO NPT AS SUCH, RATHER THAN AS UN MEMBERS, WE PREFER THAT CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF PREPCOM ABOUT TIMING AND VENUE SHOULD BE CONDUCTED BY PARTIES, AND NOT BY UNSYG.

5. VORONTSOV AGREED HE WOULD REPORT OUR PROPOSALS TO MOSCOW BUT NOTED THAT, WHILE THERE WERE TWO PROPOSALS NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION BETWEEN US ON PREPCOM DATES, ONLY PROPOSAL CONCERNING CCD STARTING DATE WAS THAT OF SOVIETS. KISSINGER

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